

means the population aged 5 through 17, inclusive;

(B) The term “State” includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(3) For any year in which a State is solely carrying out planning activities pursuant to a grant described in §2501.10 of this part, a State may be paid not more than 25 percent of its allotment under paragraph (b)(2) of this section;

(4) If any State does not have an application approved under §2501.8 of this part, the Commission may use the allotment the State would otherwise have received under paragraph (b)(2) of this section to make grants to eligible local applicants located within the State using the priority criteria described in §2501.16 of this part; and

(5) Funds remaining after the requirements of paragraphs (b) (1) through (4) of this section have been carried out will be reallocated to States as the Commission determines appropriate.

§2501.8 Approval.

(a)(1) If §2501.7(a) of this part applies, the Commission will take into account whether the proposed plan meets the requirements of this Chapter and the appropriate criteria in §2501.16 of this part in approving applications to receive grants.

(2) If §2501.7(b) of this part applies, the Commission shall approve applications submitted by States, Indian Tribes, and eligible local applicants in States that have not applied for funding if such applications comply with the provisions of this Chapter and the appropriate criteria in §2501.16. Applications that comply with the provisions of this Chapter but do not fully comply with the appropriate criteria in §2501.16 may be approved for planning grants. The Commission may, at its discretion, assist applicants in bringing their applications into compliance.

(b) Applications submitted in the second or third year of a multi-year proposal will be approved if the Commission determines the applicant has made satisfactory progress under the proposal and if appropriated funds are available.

§2501.9 Uses of funds.

Grantees may use funds provided under this part for:

(a) Planning and building State capacity (which may be accomplished through grants and contracts with qualified organizations) for implementing statewide, school-aged service-learning programs, including:

(1) Pre-service and in-service training for teachers, supervisors, and personnel from community organizations in which service opportunities will be provided that will be conducted by qualified individuals or organizations that have experience in service-learning programs;

(2) Developing service-learning curricula, including age-appropriate learning components for students to analyze and apply their service experiences;

(3) Forming local partnerships to develop school-based community service programs in accordance with this part;

(4) Devising appropriate methods for research and evaluation of the educational value of youth service opportunities and the effect of youth service programs on communities;

(5) Establishing effective outreach and dissemination to ensure the broadest possible involvement of nonprofit community-based organizations and youth-service agencies with demonstrated effectiveness in their communities; and

(6) Integrating service-learning into academic curricula.

(b) The implementation, operation, or expansion of school-based service-learning programs.

(c) The implementation, operation, or expansion of community service programs for school dropouts, out-of-school youth and other youth.

(d) The implementation, operation, or expansion of programs involving adult volunteers in schools, or partnerships of schools and public or private organizations, to improve the education of at-risk students, school dropouts, and out-of-school youth.

§2501.10 Planning grants.

The Commission may make planning grants to States or Indian Tribes to conduct activities described in §2501.9(a) of this part. Such grants will